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1. On 27 May 1955, at 1900 hours, two large naval vessels which were alike were in the Barents Sea off North Cape in a line of bearing formation with a great distance between the ships. They were flush-decked, with a vertical stem, a cruiser or round stern, one signal mast on the bridge, a tripod mast just before the after funnel, two big wide funnels situated at some distance from each other, a main battery mount on the foredeck, and two main battery mounts on the afterdeck. They were about 300 feet long. The forward funnel had a sort of trunk on its forward side. Between the forward gun mount and the bridge was a smaller, two-gun mount; another such mount was situated atop the second main battery mount. There may have been a torpedo mount between the funnels. (see sketch no. 1). 25X1
2. Somewhat astern of these vessels, but on the same course, were two smaller naval vessels. They were alike, each about 250 feet long, with two wide funnels with raked cowls about the same height but shorter than the bridge. They were making about 12 or 14 knots. The main battery was disposed one mount forward and two aft. A secondary battery mount was situated atop the forward mount (see sketch no. 2). 25X1
3. Along the quay at Solombala in Arkhangelsk, there were ten or twelve small naval vessels moored. They had one funnel a little higher than the bridge, and a mast with a signal yard between the funnel and the bridge. They were about 30 meters long, with a vertical stem, a short raised forecastle with the break in the deck forward of the bridge, and a vertical or cruiser stern. They each had a gun mount, open and shielded, forward and two such mounts aft. (see sketch no. 3.) 25X1
4. There was quite a bit of activity by piston-prop-type aircraft; no jet traffic was heard or observed. 25X1
5. The new bridge over Shilov Island between Solombala and Arkhangelsk was open to traffic. 25X1
6. The inspection team consisted of two officers, one female radio operator, one doctor, and two customs officials. The reception formalities were reasonable and no difficulties were encountered. 25X1

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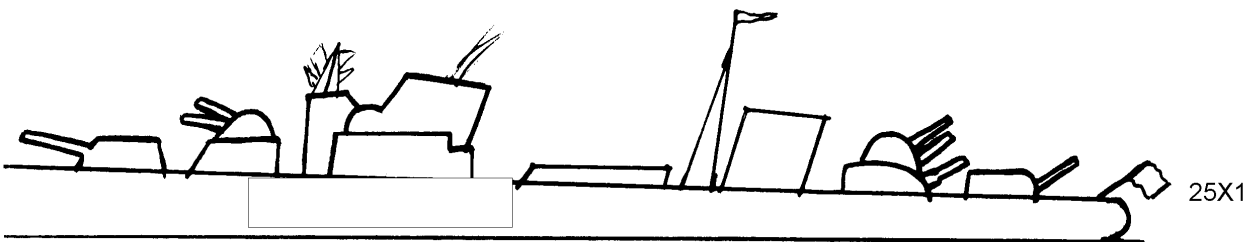
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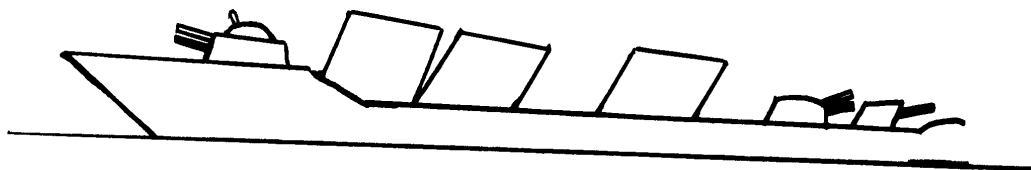
Sketch No. 1:

Large Naval Vessels off North Cape



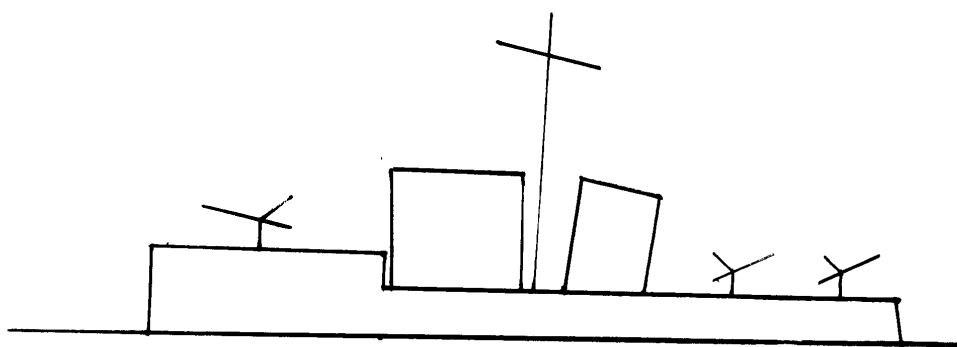
Sketch No. 2:

Small Naval Vessels off North Cape



Sketch No. 3:

Small Naval Vessels Moored at Solombala



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